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Title: ELEVATOR STRUCTURE MOUNTING SYSTEM HAVING HORIZONTAL
COMPRESSION MEMBER FOR REDUCING BUILDING LOADS AT TOP
OF HOISTWAY

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, the period for response having been extended by two months by the accompanying Petition and fee, Applicants request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following remarks.

The Rejection

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 11, 14 and 17 being independent. All of the claims stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,899,300 (Miller et al.) in view of US Patent No. 3,395,777 (Rodosta). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Initially, Applicants note that the Office Action indicates that the Applicants' previous arguments with respect to each independent claim have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection. However, Applicants do not believe that this remaining rejection is on new grounds, and can find no response to Applicants' previous arguments against this rejection. Therefore, in the event that the Examiner does